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FM AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3566

INFO AMEMBASSY BLANTYRE

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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS AND FOREIGN
RELATIONS

1. PORTUGUESE DIPLOMATIC ADVISOR DA CRUZ TOLD ME JUNE 6 THAT SOVIETS HAVE ASKED FOR CONSULATES IN BEIRA AND NACALA IN ADDITION TO AN EMBASSY IN LOURENCO MARQUES. DA CRUZ STATED THAT, AS FAR AS HE KNEW, MTG HAD NOT YET DECIDED ON REQUEST FOR CONSULATES BUT THAT IF SOVIETS WERE GRANTED RIGHTS FOR CONSULATE IN NACALA, PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT WOULD ASK FOR SAME.

2. ACCORDING TO DA CRUZ, AMONG AMBASSADORS WHO WILL ARRIVE AT INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS WITH THEIR CREDENTIALS ARE: PORTUGUESE, SOVIET, CHINESE, TANZANIAN AND ZAMBIAN.

3. DA CRUZ SAID FRELIMO HAS INVITED PORTUGUESE PRIME MINISTER VASCOS GONCALVES AND FOREIGN MINISTER MELO ANTUNES TO REPRESENT PORTUGAL IN INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES. DA CRUZ BELIEVES GOP HAS NOT DECIDED WHO WILL ATTEND, STATING THAT PRESIDENT MACHEL IS
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"CALLING EVERY WEEK" TO FIND OUT. HE ALSO SAID GENERAL OTELO

DA CARVALHO (WHO IS FROM MOZAMBIQUE) MIGHT ATTEND. DA CRUZ SAID HIGH COMMISSIONER CRESPO WOULD BE HERE FOR CEREMONIES DEPARTING PROBABLY ON JUNE 27. HE SAID NEW PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR HAD NOT YET BEEN SELECTED BUT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WOULD PROBABLY DECIDE WITHIN A WEEK. EMBASSY LISBON MAY WISH COMMENT ON THIS PARA.

4. COMMENT: DA CRUZ IS INTELLIGENT AND WELL-CONNECTED BUT WE HAVE FOUND HIS REPORTS MUST BE TAKEN WITH GRAIN OF SALT UNTIL CONFIRMED.
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